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## GUEST EDITORIAL

by DR. RICHARD V. BEESLEY  
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## THE WINNER WHO LOST

IT HAD been a violent and bloody battle, but Amaziah had won. When the heathen Edomites rose up as a threat to decent civilization he had resisted them, taxed his people, mustered an army, marched out in the name of God and defeated them. Left on the battlefield were more than twenty thousand dead, but it had been a glorious victory for the forces of honor and good. Now evil had been defeated and all was well. The people of God could shout "Hallelujah!"

But in reality this story is a sad one. These words leap from the page: Amaziah did "right in the sight of the Lord, but not with a perfect heart," a polite way of saying he was vulnerable to temptation.

King Amaziah was brave; he was patriotic; he believed in God; he wanted a righteous world. But war is a queer business in which, the Chinese say, enemies tend to swap vices. That is, they tend to imitate each other. So we learn that Amaziah, after he fought with the Edomites and defeated them, brought home their gods and set them up to be his gods. He bowed down before them and burned incense to them. In fighting evil he became evil. After crushing the enemy's armed forces he took over the very standards against which he had fought. He conquered paganism on

the battlefield but was conquered by it in the deeper realms of mind and heart.

Now someone ought to be warning our beloved nation about this in our struggle with world Communism. This is a day of debate over our participation in the South Viet Nam conflict, a day of draft card burnings. This is a day when men will die, killed by Communists. But the fact is that the evil which made Communism is incipient in us all! We have two battles to fight: one to protect ourselves against the system being imposed upon us; the other to protect our hearts from adopting the corruption. King Amaziah, in defending his country against the enemy's army, took over the enemy's ideas and bowed down before the enemy's gods. It is possible for us to do that too.

What are the gods of Communism? The first dominant part of any Communist system is materialism—scientific, atheistic materialism. This is an old idolatry with some new philosophical twists. Communism came upon the world scene through several intellectual tributaries. The writings of Marx, the philosophy of Hegel, the ideas of Darwin, the nihilism of Nietzsche and Schopenhauer. But in spite of the complicated philosophy behind it, Communists have reduced the matter of living

to startling simplicity: the fundamental order of things is material. Economic values are supreme. And they have a naïve and fanatic faith that science can ultimately solve all human problems.

To them man is an animal and there is nothing in him except the properties of matter. Anything extraphysical—a soul, immortality, a spiritual nature, the image of God—is just superstitious nonsense, and so their rejection of religion as the "opiate of the people" is quite consistent. Their execution of priests and ministers is understandable. Their transformation of church buildings into art galleries and museums is explainable. Religion is prescientific and will eventually wither away in the wake of present-day advancement. God is a fiction because He cannot be proven by science. Prayer is futile since there is nothing beyond man to pray to. There is nothing but man and science is his savior.

The total energy and power of a Communistic society are poured into one thing—scientific education, scientific development. Here is a first god of Communism—scientific, atheistic materialism. If you have fertilizer you do not need faith; if you have a good grip on science you do not need God.

But the terrifying thing is that this idolatry is not the monopoly of the Kremlin or those in Peking. The frightening thing is not how much we Americans differ from these views, but how much we have adopted them. Amaziah conquered his enemies, but he brought home their gods and worshiped them. Working right here in our land are forces that produced Communism in other nations. There is an idea that God is dead, that man is God and

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# SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK AT BETHANY



A veteran Assembly of God leader and pastor, the Reverend Aaron A. Wilson of Springfield, Mo., will be the speaker for the Spiritual Emphasis Week

at Bethany beginning September 27. Students and faculty alike gave Reverend Wilson an enthusiastic invitation to return to Bethany after his forceful and dynamic ministry in the 1965 Spiritual Emphasis Week.

The 75-year-old preacher, who for 27 years served as a General Council Executive Presbyter, has an unusual ministry for students. His blending of a lifetime of experience in the Assemblies of God movement, his keen understanding of human nature, and his direct manner of presentation makes his ministry refreshing, searching, and effective. Students expressed themselves after last year's revival: "Now I can worship the Lord in a deeped way," and "I could never stand and testify before, now I can."

The college administration sets aside one week at the beginning of each college year for spiritual emphasis. They feel that this week does a great deal to set the tone of the spiritual life at Bethany for the entire school year. This week has always proved to be a time of new dedication, renewed consecration, and a drawing closer to God for the entire student body.



REVIVALTIME has launched another soul-winning crusade. Last year's miniature, 'What Happened to J. C. Penney?' is still being requested even though a half million copies have now been distributed.

NOW, in the same popular miniature form, REVIVALTIME offers the story of another great man, Dr. Wernher von Braun. By personal interview, Dr. von Branu's testimony was obtained by REVIVALTIME. The title of the minature, 'The Farther We Probe Into Space, the Greater My Faith', expresses

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## ADMINISTRATIVELY SPEAKING

JOSEPH L. GERHART  
District Superintendent



Recently a pastor told me of an experience shared by the congregation which brought great joy and satisfaction on their part, and was especially beneficial to the pastor. Without the knowledge of the pastor the people had decided to give him a raise in salary.

You might ask, "What is so outstanding with this?" When one knows that the church balance was only around \$40.00, it tells us that here is a congregation interested in the welfare of the pastor. Of course the pastor had only been receiving \$25.00 and so the additional \$5.00 would be very helpful.

How long has it been since your pastor has received an increase in salary? Are his needs adequately met? Many a church has suffered, and has declined spiritually because it became necessary for the pastor to seek secular employment to supplement his income.

In many instances it is an impossibility to give the pastor an increase due to the heavy financial load the church is carrying. In these cases little acts of kindness go a long way to make up to the pastor that which is not forthcoming from the church.

Of course, it is the responsibility of the official board to consider the pastor's need, and to take the necessary action to relieve these needs. In these days of rising costs of living it would not hurt to review the pastor's salary at least twice a year.

Let me point out that the pastor's expenses often exceed those of the lay member of the church. His very profession calls for a greater expense on the maintenance of his wardrobe, his hospitality, his giving to charitable organizations and the main-

tenance of his home. He also has certain obliagtions with his District which must be carried out. He is expected to attend District meetings, to respond to Camp work days, and to answer all of the financial appeals from the District and the National office.

Often my heart is grieved as I see churches spending on secondary things and forgetting the welfare of the pastor. Many a time congregations will encumber all of their income in a building program and make no provision for the ministry. This ought not to be.

A great number of times these things take place because the minister hesitates to advise the people. A pastor who fails to give his people an opportunity to excell in the grace of giving is doing that congregation a great harm, and a great wrong. A pastor should not make all of the sacrifice, but should rather be willing to share in it with his people.

The more that the pastor can be relieved of anxious care for the welfare of his family, the greater spiritual blessing he is to his flock. It has been said that our care for God's man, and for God's house, reflects our love for God himself.

This is not the time to lay up for ourselves treasures on the earth but rather to lay up treasures in heaven. This we can do by our dedication to the cause of Christ and our sacrificial support of the ministry.

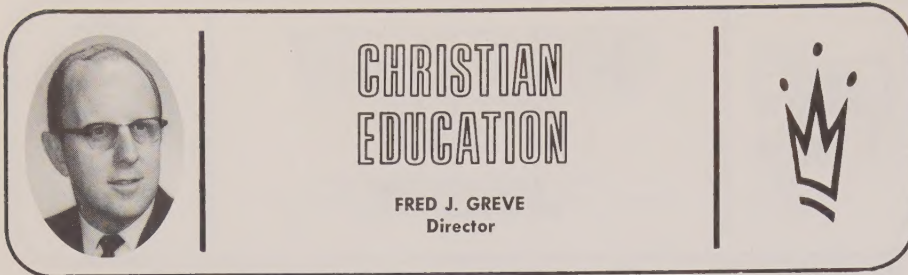
A little cooperation, a little more willingness to do, to give, and a little more surrender to the will of God will do much to hasten the "bringing back of the King".

Everett D. Cooley, Michigan  
District Superintendent

### BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE CALENDAR

|                 |                                 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| September 6     | Registration of former students |
| September 6     | Entrance exams for new students |
| September 7     | Registration of new students    |
| September 8     | Classes begin                   |
| September 19    | Last day to register for credit |
| September 27-30 | Spiritual Emphasis Week         |
| November 24-27  | Thanksgiving Recess             |
| December 19     | Christmas Recess begins         |





## NEWS FROM NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT.

The annual *Checkup Day* is rolling around once again. The date is September 25. All Sunday schools should "Answer the Checkup Call" immediately. Begin now to gather the data you will need to complete your Checkup. Help us be a 100 percent district.

During the month of August, the National Sunday School Department mailed to every Assemblies of God Sunday school a new National Standard poster. The new poster carried a fresh design of yellow, green, and blue, and highlights the crown emblem.

Space was provided for seal awards for the years 1966 through 1971. The poster measures 11" x 14"—a standard framesize. Sunday schools should plan to display the poster prominently as a record of their achievements.

October is Enlargement Month! Now is the time to begin planning your community outreach efforts. This year's special campaign combines the excitement of Scripture distribution with Sunday school evangelism by providing you with a special Gospel of Luke, printed for the campaign by the American Bible Society. It's a natural handout piece to give prospects in response to the campaign question-theme: "Have you got the Good Word?"

A sample packet of materials is available to churches at 30 cents each. The packet contains:

- Campaign poster
- Postcard
- Class achievement register
- Contact recorder
- Visitor recorder
- Pledge card
- Scripture portion
- Campaign planning guide

Order your packet immediately so you will have time to look over the attractive materials and plan your "Good Word" Campaign.

Price: 30 cents -

Order number 8 AV 5734

## ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN SUGGESTIONS

The month of October, 1966, marks the advent of the "Good Word" Enlargement Campaign for Assemblies of God Sunday schools. It will have its influence on the Assemblies of God of our day. You will be playing a major role in the promotion of this outreach effort. We are anxious to help you do your part well. Here are some suggestions:

A beautiful 20" x 26" poster is available for you to display. One will be sent, automatically, to directors and on request to representatives.

A sample packet of campaign materials is enclosed with *Focus* for directors and is available for 30 cents to representatives. Let Sunday school leaders around your district see these items.

A copy of the "Good Word" Planning Guide is in the sample packet and, also, in the September *Advance*. Use them to announce that each school can secure two extra copies of the Planning Guide free of charge, from the National Department.

A copy of "The Good Word" Scripture portion will be in the sample packet, also. Demonstrate to your schools how to mark a salvation chain. They may also appreciate an example of a formal door call and an informal conversation with the use of the Scripture portion.

Urge your schools to conduct a refresher course on *So Send I You*, and offer to teach the course for as many as time allows.

An exciting skit will come to you in the August *Focus* to assist you in announcing the emphasis and the philosophy that is back of it.

Adapt these suggestions into a useable presentation. You will also have other ideas that will serve the cause well. It will be exciting to watch you go to work!

## WHAT'S WRONG WITH MRS. CRAIG?

Sometime ago a newspaper carried a story about Mrs. Lila Craig, 81, who had not missed in her church attendance in 1,040 Sundays—a perfect record for twenty years. With tongue in cheek, the writer asked, "What's wrong with Mrs. Craig?"

1. Doesn't Mrs. Craig ever have company on Sunday?

2. Doesn't she ever go anywhere on Saturday night, so that she gets up tired on Sunday morning?

3. Doesn't she ever have headaches, colds, nervous spells, tired feelings, poor breakfasts, sudden trips out of the city, business trips, Sunday picnics, family reunions?

4. Doesn't she ever sleep late on Sunday morning?

5. Doesn't she have any friends who invite her to go on a week-end trip?

6. Doesn't she ever read the Sunday paper?

7. Doesn't it ever rain or snow in her town on Sunday?

8. Doesn't she ever become angry at her teacher or minister?

9. Doesn't she ever get her feelings hurt by someone at church?

10. Doesn't she have a radio or TV set so that she can stay home and hear some good service?

Church attendance is a privilege which each of us has as a Christian. It is a witness to what we believe. It is a fortification for our lives. It is the opportunity to meet God in the beauty of His Sanctuary.

See YOU in Church.

—from First Assembly News

## IDEA BANK

CLIP AND SAVE

(Have someone make this announcement from the back of the auditorium using a megaphone. Even though in the back, the congregation should be able to see the person.)

"Calling all Sunday Schools! Be on the alert for the 1966 Sunday school Checkups that will be coming to you in the next few weeks. These Checkups are vital to the success of your school and to the operation of the District and National Sunday School Departments. We need a Checkup from every school. Please 'Answer the Checkup Call' on Sept. 25." (As soon as the announcement has been made, display the Checkup Day poster and urge everyone to help make your district 100 percent on Checkup returns.)



## THE CHI ALPHA STORY

The story of the Chi Alpha student centers in the Northern California-Nevada District now contains three chapters—Berkeley, San Jose and Chico. These chapters tell an exciting story.

The plot begins several years ago when the leaders of the Northern California-Nevada District discovered the great numbers of our Assemblies of God young people now entering secular colleges. They began to plot how they might be able to reach this segment of our Christ's Ambassadors as well as the thousands of unchurched collegians.

To fulfill this purpose the District appointed the Rev. Dick Williams to head up the College Campus Ministries of the C. A. Department. By background he and his wife were uniquely fitted for the work of Chi Alpha. He and his wife arrived at the University of California in March, 1964, and began to minister by inviting collegians into their home. There the first chapter of the Chi Alpha story began to unfold itself as the students began receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Soon, such a great crowd of students were coming nightly, it was evident that some type of building would be needed.

The most desirable scene, or location, would be near the campus, of course; but available property there was both scarce and expensive. However, the Lord provided the present location at 2532 College Avenue, Berkeley. The Williams knew from the beginning that it was the place which God intended for a student center. It offered an apartment building for students to live in as well as a center building which is easily converted to the many facets of the Chi Alpha program.

When the center officially opened in September, 1964, the students began meeting in a regular program of prayer, Bible study and witnessing. In that first year, dozens of students received Christ and His baptism. Soon the story of Berkeley Chi Alpha began to spread elsewhere.

The second chapter of the thrilling Chi Alpha story began in September, 1965, on the campus of San Jose State College. The first pages of that chapter were written by the director, Ray White.

The campus at San Jose contains 20,000 students, a ready mission field. A program similar to that at Berkeley, and yet with its own individual aspects, was soon in full swing. It built up in a rising cres-



# CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

STEPHEN ASMUTH  
President



cendo toward the end of the year. In March the "Disciples Three" held a rally on the San Jose State campus. From that rally came many invitations to return to the dormitories and fraternities. Many came to know the Lord and His baptism, forming a nucleus of students who are eager to go on with the Lord. An exuberant band of Spirit-filled Christians will greet the new director at San Jose in the fall in a full gospel collegiate work which is snowballing.

The third chapter of the Chi Alpha story is only just beginning. It is being enacted at Chico State College. Two people who played a prominent role in the first chapter are now appearing in the third. Roger and Gerry Litwin, who were the first students contacted by Dick Williams when he came to Berkeley, are now directors of the work at Chico. They are both graduates of the University of California. They are presently opening their home to the student center. Roger has been working with the pastors of the area toward a real kick-off in the fall.

The Chief character of the Chi Alpha story is Jesus Christ Himself. He has appeared again and again in the story, changing lives and leaving the power of His dynamic presence everywhere. It is He who ties all the chapters together and around whom the main action revolves. The supporting roles of the great Chi Alpha drama have featured students from many walks of life. The hand of God is reaching into all segments of the campus life as well as into all denominational backgrounds.

Where will the next chapter of this exciting story be written? You can be sure it will be on location at some thriving campus. There the Lord will be working and showing Himself. Today students are eager to learn about the living God who is the author and finisher of the Chi Alpha story. Who knows?—the next chapter of the Chi Alpha story may begin in *your* town or on *your* campus. The story is just beginning and will not stop until the campuses are covered and as long as students keep asking questions about God and the purpose of life.

## 1966 CONVENTION TO CLIMAX FALL ACTIVITIES

Several exciting programs will have their annual termination at the Nov. 24-26 C. A. Convention in Santa Cruz, California.

Sectional finals in the Teen-C. A. Talent Search will be held at the September or October C. A. rallies. Teenagers wishing to enter are to register with their sectional C. A. representative, according to Don Argue, district C. A. Secretary-Treasurer who heads the program. A one dollar fee from each participant goes to assist the district winners (to be selected at the C. A. Convention) in transportation to the regional finals to be held in 1967.

Local C. A. officers and delegates within a section will caucus sometime in October in preparation for the annual Youth Congress which meets during the C. A. Convention. The selection of a sectional congressman and a proposed resolution to the district Youth Congress will highlight the agenda for the sectional caucus. Local C. A. officers and delegates are members of Youth Congress sessions, both on sectional and district levels. Jerry Sheppard of El Sobrante is the 1966 "Speaker of the House".

A two-fold purpose of the November sectional Speed-the-Light rallies has been outlined by Elmer Bueno, district C. A. vice-president. First, each local C. A. group is urged to complete its 1966 pledge by the time of the rally. Also, faith-promises for the following year are to be received at this time. With over \$20,000 needed now for Speed-the-Light missionary projects, it is most important that each group begin making plans for the November rallies.

The annual C. A. Convention will be held in the 2000 seat Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium during Thanksgiving vacation, Nov. 24-26, 1966. Outstanding speakers include C. M. Ward, Revivaltime evangelist, and Audrey Mieir, musician extraordinary.





## HOME & FOREIGN MISSIONS

RUBEN A. WILSON  
Director of  
Home and Foreign Missions



### WHEELER AND EILEEN ANDERSON . . .

Wheeler and Eileen Anderson, Limbe, Malawi are keeping busy at the Press. Their son Kimball was hospitalized after a severe break in his right leg and an infection causing his temperature to go to 105°. A fire at the Limbe rest-house near their residence was discovered. The building had been broken into and then fired. Missionaries from Oklahoma living there were away at the time.

### LOWELL DOWDY . . .

Lowell Dowdy can be reached at Pacific Mission Villa, 135 Carbonero Rd., Santa Cruz, Calif. 95060 after Sept. 1.

### LYDIA GRANER . . .

Lydia Graner has a sailing date of Sept. 17 from Seattle, Wash., and is returning to India after furlough.

### ELSIE M. ISENSEE . . .

Elsie M. Isensee is continuing her work in the Foreign Missions Dept. at Springfield, Mo. Her duties include the Bible School Correspondence and proof-reading material for Latin American publications. Son Kenneth is due to make port at Oakland Aug. 25 from Viet Nam. She plans to drive out for the occasion.

### BERNHARD JOHNSON . . .

Bernhard Johnson, Brazil, is busy in Youth Conventions, a Minister's Retreat, District Council, a Bible Course for 150 pastors, meetings in Buenos Aires Evangelistic Center in Argentina and a special meeting in southern Brazil. The Johnsons plan to furlough next August.

### EARL AND MARILYNN KRAMAR . . .

Earl and Marilynn Kramar, recently appointed to Colombia, report that in July they had one third of their monthly support pledged.

### VERNON AND MARTHA PETTENDER . . .

Transvaal, S. Africa—Shortly after arriving in Pretoria their young daughter took ill and was hospitalized five days. The doctors tested for meningitis but reported there was no trace. After being burglarized twice and losing all the men's

clothes, linens, blankets and bedspreads, it was decided that they must move closer in to town. Government land has been promised free for building an Evangelistic Center.

### HELEN RYE . . .

Helen Rye, now recuperating in Mexico after surgery, wrote July 18 that the orthopedic surgeon reports new bone growth where the damaged bone had deteriorated. She requests prayer to the end that cartilage will form in the hip during the next three months of rest. Unless this is done more surgery will be necessary. The doctors assure her that she *will* be able to continue her missionary activities.

### ALEX AND ANN SHEVCHUCK . . .

Alex and Ann Shevchuck, Philippine Islands, write that Alex had an attack of hepatitis and was ordered three months rest. In answer to prayer he was healed, only weight loss and weakness remaining. The Shevchucks are beginning "Bible School on the Air" in the Russian language, starting with the Gospel of John. Letters received testify to listeners behind the Iron Curtain. At present a daily 15 minute Russian language program and a 30 minute broadcast beamed to Russians in Australia, some 200,000 is prepared. The latter broadcast is also heard in Siberia.

### BILL WILLIAMS . . .

Bill Williams and family have moved to Pacific Mission Villa. Their address is 135 Carbonero Rd., Santa Cruz, Calif. 95060. Brother Williams has been conducting services in the east this summer but will be itinerating in the District in the early fall.

### MALAYSIA . . .

Don McMurray recently attended the Far East Fellowship Conference in Manila, Philippines where he met the Calvin Zeisslers, Alex Shevchuks and many other Assembly of God missionaries. Brother McMurray writes that Malaysia is experiencing a great Move of God by His Spirit. They sense that God is preparing them for even greater things.



### SHARON WILSON . . .

Sharon Wilson has been approved by the Foreign Missions Board for regular appointment. She plans to go to Nigeria, West Africa.

### PAUL WRIGHT . . .

Paul Wright, Dedza, Malawi. Superintendent Gideon Bomba dedicated the Bible School Chapel last spring. Huge boulders went into the chapel foundation, then village-made brick, an asbestos roof, marsh-sand plastering and Malawi paint. The chapel was filled with visiting pastors, workers, students and missionaries for the dedicatory service.

## What is a Missionary?

*There he goes, riding a donkey out of a tiny village in the chilly dawn of the high Andes. Or, where dawn is much warmer, you may find him launching an outrigger canoe from the beach of a Pacific atoll. Sometimes he sits for laborious hours imitating the strange sounds coming from the lips of a Korean informant seated beside him. Or you may find him in Basutoland, valiantly pulling a decayed tooth for a blanket-wrapped tribesman. Often he is to be found talking: to a squatting huckster in a marketplace; to a group of children, hushed around an open-air easel; to intent students in a thatch-roofed classroom. And some of his talking is to God—early, late, and often.*

*Sometimes he smiles, sometimes he weeps. Sometimes he has a spring in his step and sometimes he is very weary. He knows fever and infection and thirst and bad food. He knows, too, the tingling sense of urgency and adventure in an enterprise of high stakes. For he is a missionary, out to change the world.*

*To be a missionary is sometimes to be an architect, a teacher, a diplomat, or a bricklayer. It requires enormous adaptability. But there is more behind it. What is he really trying to do, this strange, persistent man? What is the point of it all? What is a missionary?*

—John Garlock





## PEOPLE AND PLACES

news about  
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Eddie Washington greets Larry Grimes at Frankfurt airport.

### GERMANY . . .

Larry Grimes, student at Bethany Bible College, arrived in Germany on June 9 under student interns program. Sponsored by the Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God, the interns program enables selected young people who plan to return to Bible College for their senior year to spend two months in summer ministry on a mission field. Larry is working under the direction of Evangelist Eddie Washington with U.S. military personnel stationed in Germany.

### ITALY . . .

"Thank you ever so much for your wonderful District Magazine *GLAD TIDINGS*. We enjoyed reading the various articles and the wonderful report of the 10th Annual Servicemen's Retreat in Berchtesgaden (Germany). From what we have read, it is very evident you have an active, progressive and spiritual District. May God bless every ministry undertaken in His name. At present we are awaiting the arrival of Chaplain John Lindvall and his family . . . Our ministry in Italy is rather unique. We minister to our U.S. Servicemen and to the Italians. . . . Angelo and Helen Nesta (A/G Missionaries)

### FT. BRAGG . . .

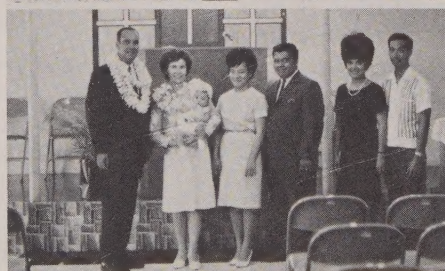
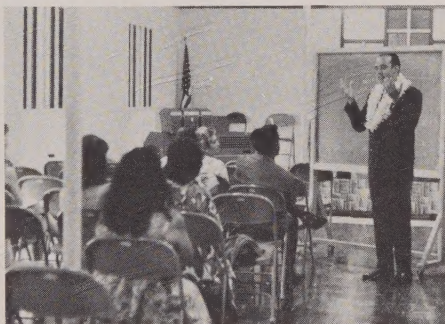
"God gave the people a real burden of prayer as we shared with you (Supt. Gerhart) and our District churches last Sunday in prayer. In a congregation of approximately 125 persons, almost all responded in real old-fashioned Holy Ghost intercession. As I looked over the audience practically everyone was in prayer and I noticed many, many tears of compassion being shed for the lost of this world. In fact, in a prayer service that normally lasts about 5 minutes, the people prayed for 25 minutes. We encouraged them to forget about any requests on a local

level (except the especially urgent) and pray for our District officers, Departments and the churches of our District . . . Thank you, 'Brother Joe' for calling us to prayer. The response in our congregation was encouraging . . ."

Pastor George T. McQueen

### HAWAII . . .

"During the last week of May, Reverend and Mrs. Forrest Beiser were invited to Hawaii as special guests of the Oahu Christ's Ambassadors and the David Paco's. Their ten-day tour throughout the islands of Hawaii were well-filled with meetings. The Christ's Ambassadors of the main island had their annual banquet with over 300 teenagers and adults in attendance.



The photos show Brother Beiser teaching the adult class of the Kaneohe Assembly (1);

(2) Beisers with a portion of the Sunday School children beside the new church bus.

(3) Dedication of Debra Lynn Paco.



HOME FROM VIETNAM: Chaplain Richard Hartman is pictured with Chaplain Jim Cotton and Joseph Gerhart. Chaplain Hartman has just returned from a year of duty in Vietnam where he received severe back injuries and is hospitalized at Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco. He expects to make a good and speedy recovery as all of his friends remember him in prayer.

### QUINCY . . .

The Silver Anniversary of the Assembly is to be observed on September 10 beginning at 3 o'clock, dinner at 5 p.m. and special evening service at 7:30 p.m. Former founder-pastor M. M. York will be guest speaker for the morning worship service on September 11. Friends and former members of the Assembly are cordially invited to attend.

Pastor C. C. Holland

### COLUSA . . .

The Reverend and Mrs. Herbert W. Brown were honored recently at a farewell dinner by the members and friends of the Colusa Assembly, and the ministers and their families of the Butte Section. Farewell cards and gifts of money were given in appreciation for their labor of love. Reverend Brown resigned as pastor of the church due to an injury received in an auto accident. He had served the Colusa Assembly for six and one-half years. The Browns are now living at 9947 Oak St., Penn-grove, Calif. 94951.

Dorothy Fishback, Church Secty.

### FT. ORD . . .

In our Full Gospel service tonight 26 men came to dedicate their lives to Christ for service 'in the army'. 14 were saved.

Chaplain Jim Cotton





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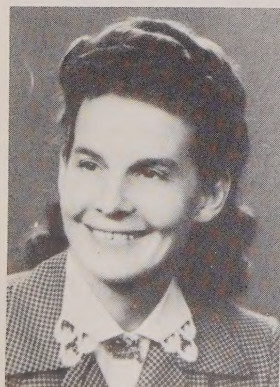
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### “CERTIFIED” FELLOWSHIPS AND OUTPOSTS IN THE DISTRICT

Each local Men's Fellowship and Royal Ranger Outpost has been invited to 'Certify' with the District Men's Fellowship Department. This is the District equivalent to the National Charter.

After Chartering their fellowship and outpost with the National Office they have sent in an application for "Certification" and in return have received their Certificate.

This enables them to receive the monthly newsletters from the Men's Fellowship Department and all the other information and materials available from that office.

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Boyes Hot Springs


Assembly of God, Burlingame

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## MENS FELLOWSHIP

E. L. COLE  
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### ROYAL RANGERS SECTIONAL COMMANDERS

Recent appointments have brought the number of Sectional Commanders in the District to eleven. Each of these men is assisting in promoting and providing Royal Rangers in their area with certain events, materials, and information.

Many of these men have been thoroughly trained in recent meetings with National Aide de Camp, Bob Reid. Some have qualified as "Instructors" in both Organization and Counseling.

They are as follows:

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# AN OPEN LETTER From VIET NAM



READ IT WELL  
GIVE IT SOME  
THOUGHT . . .

July 5, 1966

Greetings in The Name of Our Lord:

Often a chaplain receives a letter from a pastor, a wife, or parents concerning a church member, husband, or son in Vietnam. Allow me, in this instance, to reverse the procedure, and to write this letter asking your help, not for someone over here, but primarily for someone in your own congregation... the Service Wife.

You may have only one or you may have several service wives in your congregation. I wonder, are you fully aware of her situation? her loneliness? do you know where to refer her if she needs service connected assistance of any kind?

Lest you think I'm needlessly concerned about the Service Wife, allow me to share some quotes from letters I have received since Easter of this year:

"I can understand my husband's loneliness there in Vietnam because I don't really have anyone (friend) that I am real close to here."

"I have some pleasant passing friends - but no real close ones."

"I have been so fed up with that group at church - they are all so pleasant, but no real concern, never a thought that someone might be lonely."

"It does get awfully lonely."

"If it weren't for my husband's insistence that our children attend the ---- Sunday School, I'd take them to the ---- church near us, but I guess I can last a few more months until he returns."

My heart was broken as I read these lines. To be sure there is a good amount of self-pity in them, however, some of it may well be justified. Hence this letter.

By way of reminder, one of the church's early obligations was to care for the fatherless and widows. Of course the social structure today is different than it was in the first century, however, our moral obligation is not. Do you know what we in the Naval Service call women whose husbands are in or near Vietnam? They are called and they jokingly refer to themselves as "West-Pac Widows." This term meaning, of course, that while their husband is service in the Western Pacific they are "widows." In a very real sense they are.

Look at their situation. Whether they are new brides, young mothers with school children, or mature ladies, they all share the total responsibility of the home, whatever its size. Remember, there is no husband there to encourage the children to get ready for church, no firm, re-assuring voice of support, no guidance in the everyday managing of the household budget. There is no companionship at the end of the day. Those with children tuck them to bed alone, with a prayer for "dear 'ole dad" which, however meaningful it may be, is another reminder to her of her loneliness. This by the way, is a seven day a week reminder, rather consistent when you are alone.

It is not my intention to propose a number of things to do to insure that the Service Wife attending your church will not feel as though no one was really concerned about her but rather to invite your attention to the fact that personal concern, whether expressed by the minister, his wife, the WMC president, Sunday School teacher, or class members, will do much to abate that loneliness. A night out away from the children with those whose concern is genuine and warm can do wonders for her.

What about referrals? They are really relatively simple in the case of a service family. If she needs financial assistance, refer or take her to the American Red Cross which is the agency authorized by the government to contact the husband if the necessity arises. If medical assistance is required, take her to the nearest military hospital. If there is no military hospital within twenty-five miles of her residence, remind her that with her dependents ID card she can probably receive MEDICARE, which is provided for military dependents at most hospitals and clinics.

We realize that there is much concern about the men fighting here in Vietnam, and well there should be. Do realize, however, that the men here are concerned about the wives and children that are back at home. Whatever you or your church does to insure they are helped in their time of loneliness will be appreciated far beyond words. True, the men here are sacrificing for your freedom, but the service wife, who lives and worships among you makes her own costly sacrifice as well. Do help her to bear the burden.

Joining you in prayer that these ladies will be "West-Pac Widows" in name only, I am, in the service of our Lord

Respectfully yours,

LEONARD L. AHRNSBRACK

(Ed: Chaplain Annrsbrack is a member of the Northern California-Nevada District. We would do well to heed his admonition.)

## BENICIA . . .

On Sunday morning, July 17, the Reverend Edward Klinsky preached his farewell message to the congregation of the Benicia Assembly of God. In the morning service a love offering was received for the Klinskys with the people giving from their hearts in appreciation for the untiring and faithful ministry. After the service, a picnic was held in the City park in honor of the Klinsky family. Reverend Klinsky has pastored the church at two different times. The first from 1955 through 1960 and presently from October 1965 to July 1966.

... (Church Secretary)

## MODESTO . . .

Bethel Church began a TV ministry on Sunday, August 7 - 8:30 a.m., Channel 19 - U.H.F. Pastor L. B. Lewis reports a fine two weeks' revival crusade with the Fred Diehl family. Brother Diehl has a very fine Bible preaching ministry and Lee and Joy are excellent with the children's work and special music.

## SUNNYVALE . . .

The Reverend and Mrs. Ralph Hillegas celebrated their twelfth anniversary as Pastors of the Sunnyvale Assembly. During their ministry, new buildings have been constructed and the missionary program greatly accelerated.

## CHAPLAIN PLANK BACK IN U.S.A.

Chaplain David Plank arrived in home port in Alameda on August 1 aboard the U.S.S. Hancock after nine months in Vietnam area. This aircraft carrier was the scene of a great deal of activity as planes and men were engaged in the Vietnam conflict.



Chaplain Plank with friends who gathered to welcome him home.



Chaplain Plank and his mother with Superintendent and Mrs. Gerhart.

## TRACY . . .

We members of First Assembly wish to express how much we have appreciated and grown to love our Pastors, Reverend and Mrs. Claude O. Wood. Those of us who have been privileged to sit in the Adult Bible Class under the anointed teaching of Mrs. Wood have truly grown in spiritual knowledge and understanding of the Word of God. Also, those times when she has had a pulpit ministry have been a real blessing to each one. Pastor and Mrs. Wood, through their constant prayer and burden for this church, have led us all closer to the Lord and consequently united us as one body working for Him. Pastor Wood's 'spiritual living' ministry has been of tremendous value. The members of the Board of Trustees love Brother Wood. He has worked with us constantly, and we've had beautiful harmony in working out the problems which can arise. God sent us a 'wise man' in the person of Pastor Wood, and we wish to give God all the praise for this blessing.

... Ruby E. Dillard, Church Secretary (written upon the occasion of the resignation of Pastor Wood to re-enter an evangelistic ministry.)



**BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE  
EXPECTS RECORD YEAR**

All indications point to another record enrollment as new and returning students register for the 1966-67 term at Bethany Bible College on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 6 and 7.

Miss Carmine Wilson, college registrar, reports that as of August first new applicants for Bethany were 23% higher than the previous year. This, coupled with the high percentage of returning students indicates that Benthany's enrollment could go well over the 430 mark. The final count is made on September 19th when official registration closes.

Student totals will not only be at an unprecedented high, but the number of faculty members will surpass any previous year as well. Twenty-four full-time faculty members plus four part-time instructors will bring the total to 28 faculty on Bethany's roster for the 1966-67 term.

**"CERTIFIED" M.F.  
DISTRICT GROUPS**

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- Assembly of God, Cloverdale
- Assembly of God, Cottonwood
- Assembly of God, Cupertino
- Central Assembly of God,  
El Sobrante
- Gospel Tabernacle, Fair Oaks
- Assembly of God, Fallon, Nevada
- Calvary Temple, Livermore
- First Assembly of God, Manteca
- Community Assembly of God,  
Menlo Park
- Bethel Church, Modesto
- Calvary Temple, Modesto
- Bethel Church, Pacifica
- First Assembly of God, Pittsburg
- Assembly of God, Redwood City
- Assembly of God, Rohnerville
- Capital Assembly of God,  
Sacramento
- Glad Tidings, Sacramento
- Alisal Assembly of God, Salinas
- Bethel Church, San Jose
- Calvary Temple, San Jose
- First Assembly of God, San Jose
- Bethel Assembly of God, Santa Cruz
- Craig Chapel, Santa Cruz
- First Assembly of God, Sunnyvale
- Assembly of God, Susanville
- Bethel Temple, Turlock

Congratulations to Pastor and Mrs. L. E. Myatt of Pinole upon the arrival of Donovan Marcus on July 21st.

Pastor and Mrs. Charles Neher of Boonville welcomed Darlene Deanne on July 17th.



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ELKO, Nevada . . .

First Assembly is planning a HOMECOMING celebration and dedication of the new church, November 11, 12, and 13. All former pastors, members and friends are invited to attend and participate in this occasion. The Elko Assembly was pioneered by the late Reverend Clyde V. Hummel and was pastored for 13 years by the late Reverend Bernard Tewell. The construction of the building was begun during the ministerial term of the Reverend Harold Smith, now residing in Oregon; and is being finished under the ministry of the present pastor, the Reverend Maurice Caudill. Although this is a Home Missions project, much of the financing has come from the local church.

The Reverend Caudill and members of the congregation thank the Lord for His blessing during the building program and upon the church as a "lighthouse for God" in Elko . . . by John Tewell, acting church secretary.

#### SOUTH LAKE TAHOE . . .

During the past month we have seen the completion of our baptistry, and the addition of two Sunday school rooms. These new facilities are a great asset to the Lord's work. Guests who have ministered in Word during the past month - Rev. Dwight Wilson, Dick Fulmer, and blessed our hearts in music are - The Mark Bells, and the Charles Beadles. July 10th we had a record Sunday School attendance with 86 present, and an average for the month of 77.

Gerald Boyd, Pastor

#### NAPA . . .

Bethel Assembly recently enjoyed a revival with Evangelist J. L. Jeffrey. The church was blessed and spiritually uplifted by the reaching of the Word. We are enjoying our new sanctuary and are looking forward to dedicating it in the near future. Lewis Parker, Pastor

## BETHANY'S PRESIDENT MINISTERS AT CAMPS

Among Dr. Burnett's summer activities was ministering at three District Camps. Being a very popular speaker, the President of Bethany Bible College, Dr. Burnett receives many invitations for ministry. This summer was no exception as he was scheduled to be the main speaker at camps throughout the United States.

His first engagement was in the Southern Missouri District at their camp located by the Lake of the Ozarks. This was at the invitation of District Superintendent N. Cleo Tapp and began the last week of June and ended on July 4th.

Dr. Burnett returned to Santa Cruz to attend the local Bethany Park Camp meeting for a few days before leaving to speak at the Silver Lake Bible Camp located near Spokane, Washington. This Northern Idaho District Camp was accepted through the invitation of Camp Director Reverend L. R. White.

The third camp invitation was from Superintendent Stanton Johnson who invited Dr. Burnett to minister to the Iowa District at their Storm Lake Camp. This camp, beginning July 21 and ending July 31, is the last of the camp engagements for Dr. Burnett this summer.

During the month of August, Dr. Burnett plans to remain in Santa Cruz for the majority of the time in preparation for the opening of Bethany's 1966-67 school term.

## REVIVALTIME

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this scientist's resolute faith in God. Here's a counter-attack to the rapidly spreading "God is dead" philosophy!

ANOTHER NEW BOOK available to REVIVALTIME contributors is, "The Holy Spirit Is For You", by C. M. Ward.

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## BRAZIL . . .

Missionary Antonette Johnson has recently spent a great deal of time ministering 'interior' on farms and in small villages. She reports that the results have been most rewarding as God has accompanied her ministry with 'much fruit'.



1. Oxcart took Missionary Johnson to a farm to minister.
2. Group awaits by river for baptismal service.
3. Baptismal service.
4. Antonette Johnson with newly organized Sunday School.

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## THEY THAT BE WISE

Pastor Ruben A. Wilson, Jr.  
Escalon Assembly

The wise king Solomon wrote by divine inspiration in Proverbs 11:34 "... He that winneth souls is wise ..." And to the wise the Bible gives a promise of a place in heaven where they will shine as the sun in all of its brilliance.

In our desire to win souls for Christ we must be aware that there are laws of evangelism that function just as precisely as the laws of nature. These laws are based upon individual Christians anointed by the Holy Spirit and going to others with the message of eternal life. This can be called the "go" of the Gospel.

Jesus set an example for us. He said to His disciples on one occasion "... I must needs go through Samaria ..." He discerned that the Holy Spirit was setting an appointment with an unsaved soul at the well of Samaria.

We may well wonder how many times God has prepared someone to hear our testimony of salvation, but we have failed to keep the divinely set appointment. The tragedy of missing the will of God is then compounded with that of failing to lead seeking souls to the Saviour.

Too often the modern Christian tries to reverse God's laws of evangelism. He sits in the safety zone of the sanctuary and waits for sinners to come in and be saved. He feasts upon the bread of life until he is spiritually overweight from the lack of exercise. And because he has an abundance of blessings to fill his soul, it's hard to realize that most of the world is starving for salvation.

The wise witness will go out from the sanctuary with compassion for hell-bound souls and tell of the love of the Saviour.

The thrill of having one's sins forgiven can only be equaled by winning other souls to Christ. Those who complain that their salvation is not as joyful as it originally was, are confessing that they have not kept the cup of blessing full by sharing it with others.

Psalms 126:6 reminds us: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Weeping is an evidence of tenderness and compassion. When the Gospel is presented with these qualities, results are promised.

The message of the wise witness is the Word of Life. It is called seed, because it contains the miracle of new life. When the Word is received in the soul, and it is quickened by the Holy Spirit, a new spirit is born. Jesus said, "... except a man is born again he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven ..."

The famous preacher, Charles Finney, classified sinners into four categories. 1. careless sinners, 2. awakened sinners, 3. convicted sinners, 4. converted sinners.

Sin by definition is many things, but chief among them is neglect of God. Neglect of the Bible is a national sin in America. Neglect of prayer in the public school has been sanctioned by the Supreme Court of the U.S. Neglect of church attendance—the very means whereby "... we grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ ..." is all too common. But the Bible solemnly warns "... How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

The wise witness realizes that every unsaved person needs to hear the warning. He also is aware that if he does not take the warning to the sinner he is also guilty of neglecting his own salvation.

This present world is facing more trouble than ever before in its history. The only bright light on the horizon is the return of Jesus Christ. Now is the time to awaken sinners to the need of salvation. Earthquakes, tornadoes, floods,

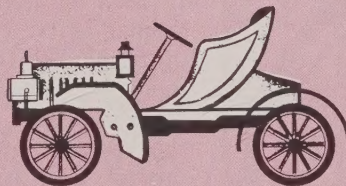
wars and rumors of wars, moral decay, and many other pressures are telling mankind that it is not sufficient within itself. Wise witnesses are needed to declare the blessed hope of the Christian. Prepare for the coming of the Lord!

The Holy Spirit convicts of sin, and He seeks wise witnesses who can be used to lead souls to salvation. In these days of renewed manifestation of the Holy Spirit's presence and power, every Christian should be alert to the purpose for which Jesus said the Spirit would come, "For ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses ..."

Converted sinners are the happiest people on earth. E. Stanley Jones, an elderly minister and author was heard to say during a radio interview, "It's fun to be 80 and a Christian ..." The joy of salvation is perpetuated by becoming a wise witness.

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## MF CONVENTION ITEMS . . . CONVENTION DINNER

At 5:00 p.m., the evening of October 1, in the Kaiser Center Cafeteria there will be a Convention dinner for many who will be attending the Convention that day.

Officers of "Certified" Fellowships, Commanders of "Certified" Outposts, and members of the "120" with their wives will be attending, together with their invited guests. Each man is encouraged to bring his Pastor and wife as guests of the evening.

Mr. Lambert Dolphin, who will be the morning speaker, will be remaining over for the dinner and will again be introduced and bring greetings. Other guests of the Convention will be introduced at that time.

Mr. Roy Wilkinson announces that deadline for reservations will be September 25 and inquiry may be addressed to him at Box 961, Santa Cruz, California.

## CONVENTION STAFF APPOINTED

Recent appointments for the forthcoming Assemblymen's Convention in Oakland have been announced by Rev. Cole, MF President.

Mr. Max Rondoni of Calvary Church, San Jose will be the Convention Coordinator. Mr. J. P. Jones is Program Chairman.

Host Men's Fellowship will be Bethel, San Jose with Mr. John Picone as host MF President and Rev. Leland R. Keys as Host Pastor.

Mr. Roy Wilkinson is coordinating the Assembly-Men's Dinner that will be held in Kaiser Center that evening at 5:00 p.m.

Other appointments concerning the other details of the Convention are in the process of being made and all efforts being put forth to make the day successful in the Kingdom of God.

## CONVENTION FEATURES

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the subject of a feature length Christian film.

Personalities of the day and invited guests who will be presented will be coming from as far away as Washington, Southern California, and other way points in the country.

The Convention is being sponsored by the Men's Fellowship Department but attendance is for **MEN AND THEIR FAMILIES**. Every member of every church is invited to attend. Invitation has been sent to every church and every person in it . . . You are invited.

## THE WINNER WHO LOST Editorial . . .

(FROM PAGE 2)

that science is all he needs to exist.

It is a sobering thought that there are millions of people who are in essential agreement with this Marxist doctrine. And many, in their attitudes toward the church and in their basic beliefs about God and life, are really much closer to Communism than to Christianity, which they pretend to defend, at least on weekends. There are scores of people who shake their fists at those "bad men" in Russia and Red China but who in their minds share the philosophy that produced them.

Do they say Communist education is godless? So is much of our education. What is the essential difference between a university in Russia and a university in America in which the student is taught—in one by design and in the other by default—that God is dead, religion does not matter, man is simply an animal, and the Judeo-Christian heritage is based upon a series of myths? If man is nothing more than an animal, what is wrong with Communism? Why not exploit him, regiment him or even kill him? Karl Marx once said, "Communism begins the moment atheism begins." The minute God is dead in your life, Communism has started to take over.

Or suppose we go on to look at the ethical ideas which arise from this idolatry. When God is dead, what then? Then the morality in which He is remembered must be killed too. It must be wiped out of men's minds. So if there is no God there is nothing above man to which he is subject. What follows? No moral law, no absolutes, no fixed standards of ethical truth. You come out with a "new morality" which is really no morality at all. Truth is what we say is truth. Right is what the strong party decrees is right. Lenin said it perfectly: "We do not believe in eternal morality. Proletarian morality is determined from day to day by the exigencies of the class struggle." In those two sentences he did away with the Ten Commandments and all the rest of the Mosaic Law and the whole foundation of Christian civilization. There is nothing which matters but man—weak, fallible, sinful man. Right is whatever helps us gain our

ends. Wrong is whatever may stand in the way of our human desires.

I do not need to tell those who are majoring in government and international relations the confusion that comes from this as we try to negotiate with the Communists. Each of us moves out from a different premise. We may use the same words but we have meanings attached to them that are poles apart. A "Christmas truce" in Viet Nam to us honors the birth of the Lord, the Prince of Peace. But what Communist cares for the observance of a religious holiday? To him it is a chance to reinforce his troops.

But this moral mix-up is not confined to the Communists. Amaziah took the ideas of his enemies, and there is now among us a philosophy that the standards of right and wrong which we inherited from our Hebrew-Christian faith are really not of divine origin, not rooted in divine authority as we have believed for so many centuries. Instead, they are opinions and habits of thinking we have acquired in our culture. Everyone should be free, we are told, to decide for himself what constitutes good and evil.

Are we losing our ability to distinguish between true and false in this country? Is there any dependable standard left for us to hold to? Sexual morality, for instance. Who determines that? Christ or the research and disciples of Dr. Kinsey? Are we to forsake the divine law for the family as it is revealed by the prophets and God's Son and base sexual morality on the study of statistics and the worn-out expression "Everybody's doing it"? By what standard do we regulate our economic life, our business dealings with one another?

Another god of every Communist system is its implicit trust in force. When there are no moral rules there is nothing left but naked force. Violence becomes the accepted method by which ends are achieved. Again Lenin said it succinctly: "In order to get peace in the world [by which he meant the rule of Communism] you must split open men's skulls." That is not what Christ said. The Christian faith has delivered us out of this darkness.

But here again let us not assume

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## THE WINNER WHO LOST

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that we are immune to contagion. It is easier to spend billions to defend ourselves on the battlefield against the system than it is to make sure that in our hearts we do not share the corruption. What will it profit us to fight a war against Communism in Korea in the 1950s and in Viet Nam in the 1960s and who knows where in the 1970s if we take over the philosophy that made Communism?

If we look back over the past several years we will see that too often we have merely imitated those we considered enemies. We do what they do and, for the most part, we fight the battle on their terms and with their weapon—force. If they build a big army, so do we. If they secure bases around the world, we spread out. If they strip their universities of nearly everything except science dedicated to war preparedness, there are always critics of education who say, "Now look here, that's what we ought to be doing."

I am not so dreamy-eyed as to imagine that in the twentieth century we can get along without force. We cannot manage a city without some force, or even, for that matter, a well-ordered home. Force is not wholly evil. Its proper use based upon high moral and ethical standards is most desirable. But I am

saying that we must not worship force as if it were a god. The goal of the Communist movement has never changed. The aim always has been and still is to take over the world. The strategy and tactics may change; tensions may relax for a time. But the goal remains constant.

We would be very naïve to imagine that Communists are for peace as we understand that word. Our Bible describes the unregenerate hearts of men. Men without God, men who have killed Him and those who are living as if He were no longer real are evil men, says Scripture! We must not imagine that we can deal with them without the restraint of force at times. But always let us be on guard lest we become obsessed with force, lest we put our confidence in it and take it as our religion too. Let us not underestimate the Christian, constructive ways of achieving ends. Surely we who have learned from Jesus Christ that greatness is not in force of arms but in service to men should have more constructive solutions to offer than to copy our rivals in an old and discredited idolatry.

Surely America can offer ideas more in keeping with the hunger and hopes of men. All force can do is provide a dike—a breakwater—behind which we can do the constructive and God-pleasing things. This we are not doing—not enough and not well.

This is what pleases our enemies, this apathy of ours in contending for our own faith. Nothing pleases them more than for us to doubt our beliefs; to be a nation of confessions of faith and without faith in our confessions; to forget the great religious heritage which is ours; to call home our missionaries, to get down in the arena and fight the battle with carnal weapons.

Who will tell America what she ought to know? Defeat is tragically possible. But God is not just our refuge; He is also our strength. Be well assured that the final word in the history of mankind will be spoken not by those in the Kremlin or in Peking or Hanoi (or in Washington!), but by Him who sits upon the throne, the One who is from everlasting to everlasting, "The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." ♦ ♦



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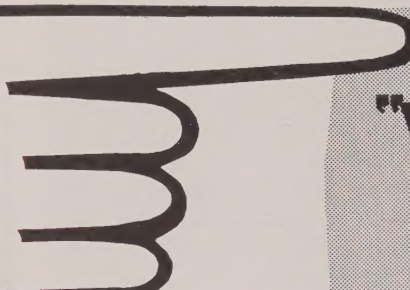
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